

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 7 are pending, with Claims 1, 6, and 7 being independent. Claims 1, 6, and 7 have been amended.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in granting and conducting on August 13, 2009, a personal interview with Applicant's representative. At the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the July 16, 2009 Request for Reconsideration, and possible amendments to the claims, and the claims have been amended as discussed at the interview. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

As discussed at the interview, Claims 1, 6, and 7 recite, *inter alia*, determining whether or not the searched-for *printing device* has an IP device within the designated range information, and distributing the program for managing the determined printing device. However, Applicant respectfully submits that Machida fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-discussed claimed feature as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 6, and 7.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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